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Julius Genachowski Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: FCC Docket #07-52, Broadband Industry Practices

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am a member of the Alabama House of Representatives from District 98, in Mobile. As a legislator I have a special appreciation for the long hours you and your fellow Commissioners must devote to deal with technology issues in a constantly evolving communications environment.

I support the principle of an open and free internet. I believe public policy should enhance competitive choices for consumers and encourage broadband adoption by all Alabamians. I have also supported laws that reduced regulations on telephone and cable communications companies and encouraged both wireline and wireless competition. It is common knowledge that the U.S. wireless market is one of the most competitive industries of any type. As policy makers, we should encourage investment in the communication infrastructure and help create and preserve good paying jobs. However, I believe we need to encourage private sector investment as the best way to make broadband ubiquitous. Therefore, in order to promote investment and competition, the FCC should not impose Network Neutrality regulations on wireless networks.

The largely unregulated wireless industry is very competitive and working. The FCC should not pass regulations that might have the unintended consequence of slowing down investment.

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